

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, February 11th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week: H. Res. 117, to support the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 64. **Pages H1261–62**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Resolution Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, and for other purposes.”. **Page H1262**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, February 10th:

Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 35, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 65 and **Pages H1262–63**

Acknowledging the lifelong service of Griffin Boyette Bell to the State of Georgia and the United States as a legal icon: H. Res. 71, to acknowledge the lifelong service of Griffin Boyette Bell to the State of Georgia and the United States as a legal icon. **Page H1273**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H1273**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record 6th Super Bowl title: H. Res. 110, to congratulate the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record 6th Super Bowl title; **Pages H1263–67**

Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day: H. Res. 112, to support the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day; **Pages H1267–69**

Commemorating the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial of his birth: H. Res. 139, to commemorate the life and legacy of

President Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial of his birth; and **Pages H1269–72**

Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 663, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the “Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building”. **Pages H1272–73**

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1261, H1261–62, and H1262–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

DERIVATIVES MARKETS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 977, Derivatives Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2009.

ARMY CONTRACTING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Contracting. Testimony was heard from LTG N. Ross Thompson, USA, Military Deputy to Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army.

U.S. STRATEGY IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Addressing U.S. Strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan: Balancing Interests and Resources. Testimony was heard from Janet St. Laurent, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; GEN Jack Keane, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Strategies for Countering Violent Extremist Ideologies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Building a Foundation for Families: Fighting Hunger, Investing in Children. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKER'S RIGHTS; COLOMBIAN VIOLENCE AGAINST LABOR

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Examining Workers' Rights and Violence Against Labor Union Leaders in Colombia. Testimony was heard from Jose Nirio Sanchez, former special court judge for labor-homicide cases, Colombia; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices, Under the Workforce Investment Act. Testimony was heard from Stephen Wooderson, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on The Climate Challenge: National Security Threats and Economic Opportunities. Testimony was heard from R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Financial Services: Approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

U.S.-NORTH KOREA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Smart Power: Remaking U.S. Foreign Policy in North Korea. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Pritchard, former Ambassador and Special Envoy for Negotiations with North Korea, Department of State; and public witnesses.

POSTWAR GAZA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Gaza After the War: What Can Be Built on the Wreckage? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LIBEL TOURISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Libel Tourism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAL ASH RECLAMATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND SAFETY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 493, Coal Ash Reclamation, Environment, and Safety Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from John R.

Craynon, Chief, Division of Regulatory Support, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

TRAINING AND EQUIPPING AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Training and Equipping Afghan Security Forces: Unaccounted Weapons and Strategic Challenges. Testimony was heard from Charles Michael Johnson, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Thomas Gimble, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009." The rule provides 90 minutes of debate on the conference report.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the conference report except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report. Finally, the rule provides on motion to recommit, if applicable. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on an Overview of Transportation R&D: Priorities for Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from David Wise, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Amadeo Saenz, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Texas; Paul Brubaker, former Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H. R. 608, "Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2009;" H.R. 813, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United

States Courthouse;" H.R. 837, To designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building", H.R. 842, To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse;" H.R. 869, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 887, To designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach United States Courthouse;" H. Con. Res. 37, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 38, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and H. Con. Res. 39, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Committee also approved its Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session for organizational purposes.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security: Senators Schumer (Chair), Leahy, Feinstein, Durbin, Whitehouse, Wyden, Cornyn, Grassley, Kyl, and Sessions.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security: Senators Cardin (Chair), Kohl, Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, Wyden, Kaufman, Kyl, Hatch, Sessions, Cornyn, and Coburn.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: On Wednesday, February 11, 2009, Committee ordered favor-

ably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the annual threat assessment of the intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Dennis C. Blair, Director of National Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 117)

S. 352, to postpone the DTV transition date. Signed on February 11, 2009. (Public Law 111-4)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot-Spots, 9 a.m.; and executive, briefing on Counter Intelligence, 10 a.m., 304 HVC.